

Attendance: See appendix A.

1. Opening remarks

Dr. Card declared that quorum had been obtained and called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

The chair invited Professor Bruce Schnell, former Dean of the College of Pharmacy, to present a memorial tribute for his late colleague Glen Hartnett. Professor Hartnett began his teaching career in the College of Pharmacy with an appointment in 1964 as Instructor. In 1966, he was appointed to the full-time faculty as Assistant Professor, and in 1969 he was promoted to Associate Professor. He retired in 1986. Professor Hartnett passed away May 2, 2010.

Professor Emeritus Gord McKay, College of Pharmacy, delivered a tribute for his late colleague Dr. John Hubbard, who made his home in Saskatoon in 1982 and joined the College of Pharmacy that same year. Dr. Hubbard, who was a recipient of the university's Master Teacher award, retired on June 30, 2008. He passed away May 8, 2010.

Following a moment of silence, the business of Council resumed. The chair expressed her gratitude for the work of outgoing chairs of council committees and for the support of the university secretariat over the past year. She noted that Council has a full agenda and encouraged members to keep their remarks concise, as well as to make every effort to remain until the agenda has been completed to ensure that quorum is maintained.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The chair noted that some additional material relating to items 8.1, 9.1, 10.1, 11.4, 11.5, 14.2 and 15 were circulated at the door.

RODGERS/DALAI: That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2010

The provost asked that one correction be made to the minutes, to the section of his report concerning the provincial budget. He noted that in addition to a 4% increase to the provincial grant, the item should say that tuition was raised by 5.2% overall, and that of this 5.2%, 3.3% was allocated to operations and 1.9% to enhancements to programs and services to students.

KALRA/FERGUSON: That the minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2010 be approved with the correction noted above.

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the minutes

No business was identified as arising from the minutes.

5. Report of the president

The president reported on the success of two graduation Pow-wows held the previous day at Griffiths Stadium, the first to acknowledge grade 12 graduates and the second to celebrate university graduates. He observed that the graduation Pow-wows are a great complement to our convocation ceremonies. He also urged faculty members to bear in mind that their presence at Convocation is meaningful to our graduates, and expressed disappointment at the small number of faculty who attended the spring ceremonies this year.

The president then commended members of Council to his written report; there were no questions raised.

6. Report of the provost

The provost began by acknowledging that the agenda for this meeting represents a remarkable amount of work by the faculty of the university and by members of Council committees, and he thanked them for their diligence.

In addition to his written report, Dr. Fairbairn reported that the workshop on the implementation of the second integrated plan attracted about 95 participants, who gathered to provide a frank assessment of the second plan as well as to brainstorm ideas for the development of the third plan. The workshop on benchmarking was also well attended and benefited from the presentations made by the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and the Facilities Management Division, both of which have done some advanced thinking about benchmarking. Earlier this week, Dr. Daphne Taras was announced as the new incoming dean of the Edwards School of Business. Finally, the provost announced that the universities heard yesterday that their Access Copyright agreements will be extended to the end of December. He committed to providing further updates as clarity emerges about what the proposed increase on the copyright tariff and the expiry of the present arrangements will mean for universities.

7. Student societies reports

7.1 Report from the USSU

There was no report from the USSU.

7.2 Report from the GSA

The chair commended members to the written report of the GSA that was included in the agenda package.

8. Planning and priorities committee

Dr. Jay Kalra presented this item as chair of the planning and priorities committee.

8.1 Request for decision: College of Engineering departmental restructuring

Dr. Kalra described the history of the request coming forward from the College of Engineering and of its consideration by the Academic Programs Committee and the Planning and Priorities Committee.

A member of the College of Engineering rose to clarify the statement on p. 26 concerning the research productivity of the Department of Agricultural and Bioresource, noting that the research funding for 2008/09 is calculated on the basis of 13 faculty members but that 3 of these members are assigned teaching duties only. He reported that the department consistently places third or fourth in terms of Tricouncil research funding. The dean of the college responded that the college executive had chosen to work with benchmarks based on faculty complement and total research income, and deliberately did not draw distinctions between those who do and those who do not undertake research. He reminded Council that all faculty members are eligible to apply for research funding.

A member of Council expressed the view that while it appeared that members of the College of Engineering are accepting generally of the idea of a departmental merger, the agenda materials give the impression that there are significant reservations on the part of some faculty, particularly about the planning that has been done relative to programs and resources. He noted that the proposal does not contain much detail, nor does it convey a sense that the implications have been thoroughly worked out. He wondered about the need to 'push this through' and whether it might be wise to give the faculty time to become comfortable with the proposal before bringing it to Council. The dean of the college responded by conceding that the merger of two departments is never easy and compared the effort to bring change to a large college to the effort required to steer a transatlantic ship. He reminded members of Council that this process began under Dean Berruti in 1994. He indicated that as a member of Council and as chair of the engineering faculty assembly he has been given a mandate to present this motion to Council, and reminded members that this is the wish and will of the college as reflected in an approved motion. Now that it has been approved in the college, the acting head of chemical engineering reports that the departments have already begun collaborating together to improve administrative procedures and make better use of labs and classrooms. He urged Council members to think of the message they would be sending to the College if this motion were sent back.

The chair of the planning and priorities committee invited the chair of the academic programs committee to confirm that the committee had reviewed the proposal and determined that there were no program changes being contemplated with the reorganization at this time. Dr. Proctor confirmed this, and another member of the planning and priorities committee reflected that while the committee's decision to bring this amalgamation forward had been difficult, there had been very productive discussions with the chair of academic programs and the dean of the college, and that the committee was persuaded of the larger strategic value of the merger.

URQUHART/HAMILTON – To recommend that Council refer the motion back to the planning and priorities committee for further discussion.

The motion was DEFEATED.

KALRA/PROCTOR: That Council approve the merger of the departments of Chemical Engineering and Agricultural and Bioresource Engineering into a renamed Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering effective July 1, 2010.

CARRIED

The following items were received for information:

8.2 Report for information: School of Architecture

Dr. Kalra reported that the planning and priorities committee had approved a motion to support in principle the establishment of a School of Architecture at the University of Saskatchewan.

8.3 Report for information: planning and priorities committee annual report, including centres subcommittee annual report

As outgoing chair, Dr. Kalra expressed thanks to all members of the committee and to his fellow Council members and committee chairs, acknowledging the support of the integrated planning office and other administrative and support units, and of the university secretariat, and particularly Sandra Calver,

The dean of the College of Engineering noted that this is his last Council meeting as dean; he rose to thank the chairs of all committees and expressed particular thanks to Dr. Kalra for his work on the planning and priorities committee, which he has carried out with grace, integrity, and discipline.

9. Research, scholarly and artistic work committee

Dr. Carol Rodgers presented this item as chair of the research, scholarly and artistic work committee.

9.1 Report for information: Areas of Pre-Eminence ‘Signature’ Areas

A list of signature areas was provided to Council members as a key outcome of the second integrated plan. Dr. Rodgers invited President MacKinnon to speak as executive sponsor of this commitment; the president expressed thanks to Vice-president Chad and her commitment team for their work on defining and identifying the signature areas.

A member of Council pointed out that ‘pre-eminence’ and ‘signature’ have different connotations. The president responded by saying that he has always been deeply attached to the word ‘pre-eminence’ because (unlike ‘excellence,’ which is fungible) pre-eminence can be tested and measured. He observed that ‘signature areas’ has become the working phrase used by the commitment team, but he feels that both he and the team share a belief that these must be areas in which the University of Saskatchewan has established a credible claim. Our signature areas must have pre-eminence as a criterion.

9.2 Request for decision: *Research Integrity Policy*

A member of Council asked whether there had been an attempt to ensure this policy is consistent with the various collective agreements, and particularly whether the faculty association had been consulted. Dr. Rodgers confirmed that while consultations had not taken place directly between the committee and the faculty association, Laura Sommerville of the Human Resources Division, who works closely with the collective agreements, had reviewed the policy for consistency with the agreement, and that the policy had been made available to all members of faculty for input. The Council member expressed objection to the lack of direct consultation with the faculty association

RODGERS/ BANNIZA: That Council approve the *Research Integrity Policy*, to replace the *Misconduct in Scholarly Work Policy* approved by Council in December, 1993, effective September 1, 2010.

CARRIED

9.3 Report for information: Research, scholarly and artistic work committee annual report

This item was received for information. Dr. Rodgers expressed thanks to members of the committee and to Sandra Calver for outstanding administrative support.

10. Bylaws committee

Dr. Linda Ferguson presented this item as chair of the bylaws committee.

10.1 Request for decision: Appointments to the nominations committee for 2010/2011

The chair called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, the motions were put to a vote. It was noted that material circulated at the door for the first motion included the addition of the name of Jack Gray; his name was not on the material circulated in advance of the meeting or on the website.

FERGUSON/ZELLO: That council approve the appointment of Dwayne Brenna, Department of Drama; Jack Gray, Department of Biology; and Terry Wotherspoon, Department of Sociology, to the nominations committee, effective July 1, 2010 for three-year terms.

AND that council approve the appointment of Fran Walley, Department of Soil Science, as chair of the nominations committee of council for 2010/11, effective July 1, 2010 for a one-year term.

CARRIED

10.2 Notice of motion: Change to Council bylaws re terms of reference of the scholarships and awards committee

This item was received as a notice of motion for the September meeting of Council.

The dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research indicated that he would very much like to see the scholarships and awards committee change its terms of reference to reflect more of a strategic and policy orientation. He noted that this would require significant representation from both the graduate and the undergraduate communities, and suggested that it would be appropriate to name as *ex officio* members the associate vice president for student and enrolment services and the dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. He also suggested that rather than creating a subcommittee on visioning, the parent committee should have the role of visioning; subcommittees should rather be responsible for allocation and appeals of scholarships. He proposed the possibility that the College of Graduate Studies and Research awards committee might then become a subcommittee of the Council committee. He indicated that he would be happy to discuss these ideas further with the bylaws committee and/or the scholarships and awards committee between now and the fall. The chair of the scholarships and awards committee responded that the administrative work formerly done by the committee has now all been delegated. He offered to take Dr. Martz's comments under consideration.

Dr. Ferguson thanked all members of the bylaws committee for their work this year.

11. Academic programs committee

Dr. Len Proctor presented this item as chair of the academic programs committee.

11.1 Request for input: Graduate Program Review

Professor Proctor referenced the Framework for Assessment approved by Council in 2008, which assigned to the dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research responsibility for managing the process of graduate program review under the general supervision of the provost's office. He invited input from Council members, indicating that it should be directed to the dean of the college.

11.2 Request for decision: Changes to Mathematics admission requirements for direct entry colleges

PROCTOR/WURZER: That Council approve revisions to the high school mathematics admission requirements to reflect the new high school mathematics curriculum as described in the report on pages 115 – 126 of the Council agenda.

CARRIED

11.3 Request for decision: Changes to Medicine admission requirements

A member of Council suggested that while the reasons for bringing a criminal record check forward as a criterion for admission may be intuitive, they have not been explicitly stated or defended in the material outlining the proposed changes. He also wondered whether the proposal pays too much deference to the needs of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Heather Mandeville of the College of Medicine responded by saying that if a student can't be licensed within the health region to do the clinical work required to complete the degree then there is no point to admitting them. She noted that the proposal formalizes current practice and establishes a mechanism for reviewing the charge.

A member of Council pointed out that criminal record checks as a requirement for admission are already in place in some colleges. Another member expressed the opinion that criminal record checks are in the public interest. One dean raised a concern that requiring criminal record checks may result in excluding excellent candidates who could in a few years time clear their criminal records. Others objected that there is very little detail in the proposal. It was pointed out that professional licensing bodies outline very clearly what a prospective member may not have been involved in. From the moment a student is admitted to a professional program, the student will be engaged in professional and clinical activities.

Another member of Council pointed out that the motion indicates that a record check is required but doesn't explicitly say anything about the outcome of that check. The check completes the record, but the significance of it to the admissions decision would remain to be determined. A visitor from the College of Education indicated that some years ago her College was told that a criminal record check could not be an admission requirement but could only be used for purposes of placement of students in schools, once they were in the program. The president noted that not all professional colleges require students to practice as students, and that not all students in professional colleges are there to become practitioners.

There was a suggestion that perhaps the motion should be amended to make it clearer what would be done with the record. The college representative reminded Council that this is a temporary motion for one year only, and that there will be a more detailed document brought forward next year for the permanent change.

PROCTOR/WURZER: That Council approve the revision to the College of Medicine admission requirements to require a criminal records check for admissions in September, 2010.

CARRIED

11.4 Request for decision: New program: BSc in Pharmacology and Physiology, and deletion of BSc in Physiology

PROCTOR/WURZER: That Council approve the proposal from the College of Arts and Science for the Bachelor of Science Three-year, Four-year and Honours in Physiology and Pharmacology, and termination of the Bachelor of Science programs in Physiology.

CARRIED

11.5 Request for decision: New program: MFA in Writing

PROCTOR/WURZER: That Council approve the proposal from the College of Graduate Studies and Research for the Master of Fine Arts in Writing.

CARRIED

11.6 Request for decision: Replacement program: Bachelor of Education

PROCTOR/WURZER: That Council approve the proposed revisions to the Bachelor of Education program, effective for the 2012-13 academic year.

CARRIED

11.7 Request for decision: Replacement program: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Associate Vice-president David Hannah requested an opportunity to work with the College on the calendar entry relating to students with disabilities on p. 284 to clarify the intent, wording and procedures of this entry.

PROCTOR/WURZER: That Council approve the proposed replacement program for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, to be implemented in 2012-13.

CARRIED

11.8 Report for information: Kinesiology minor in Entrepreneurship, and annual report

This item was received for information.

In closing his report, Dr. Proctor thanked committee members for their work in reviewing many program proposals this year and for their commitment to high academic standards. In particular he expressed thanks to Greg Wurzer and Michel Desautels for their support as vice chairs of the committee, and asked that the minutes also reflect thanks from all members of the committee to Cathie Fornssler for her work in support of APC.

12. Academic support committee

Dr. Lois Jaeck presented this item as chair of the academic support committee.

12.1 Report for information: Annual report, including report on E-Texts

Dr. Jaeck provided some background on the establishment and work of the E-texts subcommittee, and invited Council members to review the report and particularly its conclusions and to learn more about open access and electronic formats and to delve more deeply into the implications of new media for the university.

In presenting the annual report, she flagged several areas for investment by the university in e-learning, ICT, media production and library services, and acknowledged the reinstatement of the 5% annual supplement for the acquisitions budget.

Dr. Jaeck also cited an email from the director of ITS which reported that a recent audit had identified a number of risks related to understaffing in the Division, and she expressed the hope that these shortfalls will be addressed in the coming year. She also referenced a presentation that the committee had received from the Dean of the Library on the theme of library planning. In closing, she expressed special thanks to Cathie Fornssler for her support as committee coordinator.

13. Teaching and learning committee

Dr. Richard Long presented this item as chair of the teaching and learning committee.

13.1 Request for decision: Learning Charter

GOODRIDGE/DAHL: That Council approve the University of Saskatchewan *Learning Charter*.

CARRIED

Dr. Long noted that the *Learning Charter* has the potential to significantly enhance learning at the University of Saskatchewan. He expressed gratitude to all those that played a part in making the final document a reality, including all Council members and those who provided input and feedback, as well as the vice-provost for teaching and learning Ernie Barber and the director of the learning centre Jim Greer, and to Cathie Fornssler who provided superb support.

13.2 Report for information: Annual report

This item was received for information.

14. Nominations committee

Dr. Jim Kells presented this item on behalf of Fran Walley, chair of the nominations committee.

14.1 Request for decision: Nomination for scholarships and awards committee

This item was combined with item 14.2 with the consent of Council.

14.2 Request for decision: Nomination for planning and priorities committee

The chair called three times for nominations; there being none, the motion was put to a vote.

KELLS/HAMILTON: That Council approve the nomination to the Scholarships and Awards Committee of Lynn Lemisko, representing the College of Education, for a three-year term ending 2013;

AND that Council approve the nomination of Bob Tyler, Food and Bioproduct Sciences, as Chair of the Planning and Priorities Committee for 2010-11;

AND that Council approve the nomination to the Scholarships and Awards Committee of Maureen Webster, College of Dentistry, for a three-year term ending 2013.

CARRIED

15. International Activities Committee annual report to Council for 2009/2010

Dr. Susan Fowler-Kerry presented this item as chair of the International Activities Committee; it was received for information. She expressed thanks to committee members and acknowledged Karen Chad and Brett Fairbairn for having jointly taken on international activities as part of their portfolio.

16. Other business

No other business was raised.

17. Question period

The provost rose to express particular thanks on behalf of his office to faculty and students of the colleges of Nursing and Education for the colossal amount of work they have done to effect major revisions to their respective programs.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Next meeting is at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, September 16, 2010 in **Neatby Timlin Theatre** (ARTS 241).

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